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Applicants request favorable reconsideration of this application in view of the following Remarks which are fully responsive to the rejections set forth in Office Action mailed May 14, 2002.

**REMARKS**

Among claims 1-13 which were pending in the application, claims 1-7 and 13 were rejected. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 8-12. For the reasons hereafter set forth, Applicants respectfully traverse the outstanding rejection.

**1. Rejection of Claims 1-7 and 13**

Claims 1-7 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,297,572 ("Sunaga"). For at least the following two reasons, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Claims 1 and 13, the only independent claims which currently stand rejected, both recite: (a) "a circuit substrate held in said circuit protecting case; a drive circuit arranged on